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MR HENRI J DE KOSTER
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WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY WILL SHORTLY BE VISITING TURKEY ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE TO MEET THE GOVERNMENT AND THE POLITICAL DETAINEES. WE REQUEST YOU TO MEET PROFESSOR NEJMUDDIN ERBAKAN LEADER OF THE NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY AND A FORMER DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND HIS COLLEAGUES PROFESSOR KORKUT OZAL AND MR TEMEL KARAMOLLAOGLU WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE. THEY HAVE BEEN ARRESTED ONLY FOR THEIR BELIEFS AND HAVE NEVER BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY ACTS OF VIOLENCE. THIS PARTY SERVED TURKEY FOR 8 YEARS SOMETIMES IN COALITION WITH THE GOVERNMENT SOMETIMES IN OPPOSITION AND RECEIVED 1.5 MILLION VOTES IN THE LAST ELECTION. YOUR MEETING WITH THEM WOULD GREATLY SERVE THE CAUSE OF DEMOCRACY IN TURKEY AND WE RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU TO DO ALL YOU CAN IN THIS RESPECT.

LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU, WITH BEST WISHES AND THANKS
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